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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This is in response to the Office action mailed July 12, 2005.

On page 2 of the Office action, the Examiner states that this application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species I: Figs. 1, 1a, 2a-c;
Species II: Figs. 3a, 3b, 4;
Species III: Fig. 5;
Species IV: Figs. 6, 7a, 7b;
Species V: Fig. 8;
Species VI: Fig. 9;

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Species VII: Figs. 10, 11;

Species VIII: Fig. 12;

Species IX: Figs. 13, 14;

Species X: Figs. 15, 16;

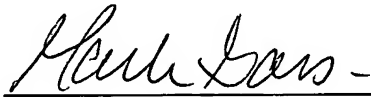
Species XI: Fig. 17; and,

Species XII: Fig. 18.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. Applicant elects Species I for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Claims 1-8 and 29 are readable thereon. According to the Examiner, claim 1 is generic.

Consideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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